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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Shiro YONEZAWA, et al.

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For: START CONTROL APPARATUS OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mingo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,435,158 [hereinafter "Mingo"]) in view of Ott et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,622,153 [hereinafter "Ott"]). The rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the following remarks.

The present invention provides a novel and unobvious start control apparatus for an internal combustion engine. An exemplary embodiment of the present invention utilizes a crank